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TO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, IN

SUBJECT: INDIAN TARIFF CHANGES

REFS: ( A) GENEVA 1578, ( B) NEW DELHI 3895, ( C) NEW DELHI  
2554, ( D) STATE 57425, ( E) NEW DELHI 3721, ( F) NEW DELHI  
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1. WE APPRECIATE COMMENTS MISSION AND EMBASSY GENEVA  
REFTEL A AND REFTTEL F. BEFORE ESTABLISHING COURSE OF  
ACTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION AND COMMENTS  
FROM EMBASSY AND MISSION.

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2. PLEASE DETERMINE WHEN THE GOI WILL OR IF IT HAS INFORMED GATT OF ( A) ALL CHANGES IN BOUND RATES, ( B) OTHER CHANGES IN CUSTOMS DUTIES, ( C) NEW AUXILIARY DUTIES, AND ( D) NEW LIST OF ITEMS UNDER EMBARGO. ALSO FURNISH AS COMPREHENSIVE LISTS AS POSSIBLE OF THESE CHANGES.

3. TEMPORARY REGULATORY DUTIES ON IMPORTS WERE FIRST IMPOSED ON DECEMBER 31, 1971 IN CONTEXT OF QUOTE MAXIMUM REFUGEE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES END QUOTE. GATT WAIVER WAS GRANTED UNTIL JUNE 30, 1972 ( L/3711) AND LATER EXTENDED TO MAY 15, 1973. ( L/3732). NEW AUXILIARY DUTIES ARE DOUBLE FORMER REGULATORY DUTIES. HAS GOI TAKEN ANY STEPS TO SEEK A GATT WAIVER OF THESE NEW DUTIES? EMBASSY REQUESTED TO

DETERMINE THE INDIAN RATIONALE FOR THESE NEW AUXILIARY DUTIES AND THEIR EXPECTED DURATION.

4. AS POINTED OUT BY MISSION ( PARA 4, REFTEL A), UNDER THE WAIVER GRANTED THE GOI FOR ITS SHIFT TO THE BTN, WE EXPECT TO ENTER ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIANS FOR COMPENSATORY CONCESSIONS FOR BINDINGS BREACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARCH 16 WAIVER ( L/3831). THE US IS CONCERNED WITH THE PATTERN OF INDIAN DEROGATIONS FROM THE GATT AND WISHES TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING A FORMAL NOTE TO THE GOI. IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT TO KNOW WHETHER THE INDIANS INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE THE AUXILIARY DUTIES UNDER THE WAIVER FOR BTN RATIONALIZATION OR INTEND TO SEEK A SEPARATE GATT WAIVER, AND HOW THEY INTEND TO BRING THEIR RECENT EMBARGO ACTIONS INTO CONFORMITY WITH GATT. RUSH

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